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Subject: Fwd: Florida 404 State Assumption

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Anna:

We met with Florida DEP Secretary, Noah Valenstein, this afternoon regarding their proposed approach for overcoming the ESA review challenge for assuming the 404 permitting program. Their recommendation appears to be a thoughtful and legally based approach. Our members are very interested in supporting the Florida effort to assume permitting authority. It is our understanding that they need the nod from Andrew Wheeler on the program before they spend additional resources identifying endangered species, developing the steps to take to mitigate takings, and get the Biological Assessment completed. I believe this is a priority for David, but wanted to reach out to see how we could help support your efforts to expedite the approval of the proposed approach.

Regards, Ed

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